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Dear Mr. Honaman:

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 September and hope you will forgive me for my tardiness in replying thereto.

Under separate cover I am returning two of the three additional copies sent me of Dr. Shannon's "Communication theory of secrecy systems," as I think we now have all we need of that paper.

I am indebted to you for a copy of Dr. Shannon's "A mathematical theory of communication," for which I do most earnestly thank you.

At the risk of your thinking I am imposing upon you and the Bell System, there is one more of Dr. Shannon's papers I would like to have, to round out what I have of his contributions thus far. I refer to his paper "Prediction and entropy of printed English," which was published in the January 1951 (Vol. XXX) issue of the Bell System Technical Journal. I find this brochure very interesting and would be grateful for a copy or two, if available.

With reiterated thanks, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN